GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5376
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000
ADDITIONAL FOODGRAINS TO MADHYA PRADESH AND CHHATISGARH
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is acute shortage of foodgrains and sugar in the drought affected areas particularly tribal and backward areas of Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to supply additional foodgrains and sugar in these areas of the above States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith quantum of foodgrains and sugar allocated for Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : Foodgrains (Rice & Wheat)

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded an additional allocation of 50,000 tonnes of wheat and 20,000 tonnes of rice free of cost for distribution as part wages in relief works in the drought affected areas of the State. They have also demanded enhancement of monthly allocation of foodgrains for below poverty line families (BPL) in the drought areas from20 kg to 40 kg per family per month.

The Government of Chhattisgarh have demanded an additional allocation of 3.30 lakh tonnes of rice for distribution as 50% wage component to the labourers engaged in Employment Generation Programmes (Food for WorkProgrammes) in drought affected areas for a period of seven months (December, 2000 to June, 2001). They have also demanded a special additional allocation of 2.10 lakh tones rice at BPL rate for distribution to droughtaffected families in 11 districts in the State for a period of 7 months (December, 2000 to June, 2001).

No Special additional allocations for drought relief have been made to Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh so far.

SUGAR :

No request for additional allotment of sugar has been received from States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.